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The Mystery Unsolved

The Cronin Murderers Still at Large.

NO STARTLING STATEMENT.

Several People Claim to Know Something of the Affair, But Will Not Talk on the Subject Until the Proper Time Arrives. No Arrests Made.

CHICAGO, May 25.—The mystery in the Cronin murder case still deepens. It was discovered yesterday that a cottage near the residence of Patrick O'Sullivan, the ice man, was rented a little less than two months ago by unknown parties, who paid one month's rent in advance, but never, so far as known, took possession of the premises. This information was given to the police by Mr. Sullivan, and the facts corroborated by the neighbors. A reporter visited the owners of the cottage, a Mr. and Mrs. Carlson, two aged Swedes, but they refused to talk about it, saying they would tell their story to the police.

A young woman living at Mr. Sullivan's said that about three weeks ago one Sunday night she saw a light in the house, but as far as she knew no one had been seen there since. It is said that the parties who rented the place were two young men, evidently Irish workmen, and that they said they were going to work for Mr. Sullivan. It is not impossible that the cottage was hired by the assassins of Dr. Cronin and he was decoyed to it, murdered there and then the body taken away in the trunk.

Up to the present time nothing has been developed that has been made public. The detectives having charge of the case are reticent and what statements they give out are guarded or evasive. With the exception of a few moments in the morning the body was sealed up all day in a zinc lined air tight box undergoing a new embalming process, which the undertakers called a vapor bath and believe will prevent any further decomposition. The body was taken from the box during the morning to allow a Lake View photographer an opportunity to photograph the head.

Capt. O'Connor was the only one of Dr. Cronin's friends who called during the day. He said that the remains would probably be taken to St. Catharines, Ont.

States Attorney Longenecker was seen at his office late last night. He had just returned from a visit to Lake View, and was in a well satisfied mood.

Lieut. Schuetler and Capt. Wing have been doing some very successful work in the case, and have some very important clues. I think it will be only a short time before some of those directly implicated in the murder of Dr. Cronin will be under arrest.

The cottage on Ashland avenue, where it is believed Dr. Cronin was murdered, is the center of attraction, and is guarded by the police. Thousands of curious people visited the location yesterday, but were kept outside the premises by the officers.

Was Cronin in Toronto?

A News special from Toronto says: Charley Long, the young man who claims to have seen and interviewed Dr. Cronin in this city, was asked last night what he thought of the matter since the finding of the doctor's body. He still maintains the correctness of his story, and says that when the time comes he will go to Chicago and vindicate his position. He claims to have had a three years' intimacy with Cronin and to have conversed with him. His theory is that after his visit to Toronto Cronin returned to Chicago and was murdered. He went over the circumstances of his meeting Cronin on Thursday, May 9, and also on the following Saturday, and tells a very plausible story of the alleged interview.

With regard to the insinuation that he was a tool in the hands of Cronin's murderers to throw the authorities off the scent, Long utterly repudiates the charges and claims that any one who knows him will not believe him capable of such a business.

England's Interest in the Case.

The News prints the following: The possibility that the English government through its secret agents may have had something to do with the Cronin mystery is not being lost sight of. Irish-Americans generally, with this thought in view, have been closely watching developments. One well posted gentleman said yesterday, Scotland Yard has a finger in every Irish pie. It would be queer indeed if the Cronin business proved the first exception. Improbable, you say? Not a bit of it. Who would have believed beforehand for a moment in the horrible truth about Pigott?

There was an instance where, with the funds of the British exchequer, the highest Tory officials, in a far reaching, cunningly devised plot to destroy the Irish movement by ruining the leader, Parnell.

"Now," said the speaker, warmly, "who is the beneficiary in this Cronin business? Who is the loser? Let it hurt or help what single person it may, the chief gain, immeasurably, is to the Tory government of England; the main harm far exceeding the disgrace of any individual is to the Irish National movement in America. Let me tell you something peculiar, and, perhaps, not a little significant. The very date of Cronin's disappearance was the anniversary of the Phoenix park assassination, the identical odious event with which it was sought to connect Parnell. The London Times' conspiracy to destroy the Irish movement at home was opportunely sprung in a time of sore need for the Tories.

If the Irish movement could be ruined in America at such a crisis as the

present would not the Pigott fiasco be retrieved and with a vengeance? Granting the possibility of another Pigott affair, no better intended victim could have been chosen than the ex-president of the Irish National League of America. An incident well known in his career once put him on trial for murder. Placed under suspicion of a similar crime the man would be fearfully handicapped. Cronin had for years boasted openly and often of possessing proof of rottenness in Irish organizations and alleged misconduct by the ex-president. If anything happened to Cronin, who delighted to pose as a mighty antagonist of the land league official what could be easier than to have it appear that the latter was responsible?

"This phase of the mystery will not escape attention, I assure you, and to Irishmen who bitterly remember Pigott and LeCaron, and hundreds of lesser demons working systematically for years, the idea is no mere idle theory.

"A check to the Parnellites now would be worth heaven itself to the Tories. Their London Times case is daily nearing its ignominious end, and closely following comes the great congress of Irish-Americans at Philadelphia, where thousands upon thousands of dollars it has been expected would be subscribed for Parnell. At this momentous juncture suddenly stands revealed a horror and scandal, second to none in the history of politics. You can draw your own conclusions. I more than half have mine."

APPOINTMENTS.

The President Makes a Number of Selections for Federal Offices.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The president has made the following appointments: William R. Day, of Ohio, to be United States district judge for the northern district of Ohio.

To be attorneys of the United States—Abial Lathrop, of South Carolina, for the district of South Carolina; Joseph N. Stripling, of Florida, for the northern district of Florida; Harry R. Jeffords, of Arizona, for the territory of Arizona.

To be United States marshals—John R. Mizell, of Florida, for the northern district of Florida; Charles P. Hitch, of Illinois, for the southern district of Illinois.

Samuel V. Holliday, of Pennsylvania, to be commissioner of customs.

Benjamin F. Gilkeson, of Pennsylvania, to be second comptroller of the treasury.

David Martin, of Pennsylvania, to be collector of internal revenue for the First district of Pennsylvania; and Edward R. Gunby, of Florida, to be collector of customs for the district of Tampa, Fla.

Frederick E. Owen, first assistant engineer in the revenue service of the United States; and Henry O. Slayton, second assistant engineer in the revenue service of the United States.

Charles S. Zane, of Utah, to be chief justice of the supreme court of the territory of Utah.

John W. Herron, of Ohio, to be attorney of the United States for the southern district of Ohio.

RIOT IN GUTHRIE

Over the Settlement of Disputed Claims. The Military on Guard.

GUTHRIE, I. T., May 24.—The difficulties arising from the settlement of claims in this city culminated Thursday in a serious riot. There are altogether over 1,000 disputed claims. The city government decided to make a test of the case of the dispute of two claimants to a piece of land.

The names of the claimants are respectively Driscoll and Diemer. The marshal proceeded to remove Diemer from the land claimed by Driscoll, but on learning of the marshal's intentions a mob of about 1,200 assembled and drove him away. The mob was about to attack the city hall when Capt. Cavanah, with a detachment of troops arrived on the scene and disposed the rioters.

The authorities then proceeded to eject Diemer. He fought like a tiger, and had to be dragged from his tent to the street. The building occupied by Driscoll was then pushed forward to the place occupied by the tent. The mob attempted to tear the house to pieces, but was repulsed. Thursday night the military guarded the streets. More trouble is anticipated when the evictions are renewed.

IT TOOK NERVE.

A Plucky Doctor's Experience With Highwaymen—He Plays Possum.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 24.—When Dr. John Allen, of Stanley county, was returning home Tuesday night he was met by highwaymen, who robbed him of \$30.

When the doctor was released he became furious. As he was not armed, he picked up stones and pelted the highwaymen. He was again overpowered and led to a tree, where the robbers, after putting a noose around his neck, told him to pray and then swung him up to a limb. By some mistake in adjusting the noose Dr. Allen's neck was not broken, neither did death result from the hanging.

After he had been hanging about half an hour he was cut down and left lying upon the ground, as the robbers supposed him to be dead. Allen went home and told his experience. He says he pretended to be suffocated by the rope, struggling for a moment and then was quiet. This seemed to show the robbers that he was really dead, so they cut him down. Donald Chavis has been jailed, suspected of being one of the highwaymen.

LEWISTON, N. Y., May 25.—The dead body of an unknown man was picked up in the river near here yesterday. He was about 35 years of age, and five feet seven inches in height. His legs were badly broken, and a big wound on the head indicated that he had evidently passed over the falls.

More Encouraging.

Business Prospects Promising at the Present.

A BETTER CROP PROSPECT.

Nearly Every Branch of Trade Picking Up and Show an Increased Volume of Business Over the Transactions of a Year Ago.—Failures of the Past Week.

NEW YORK, May 25.—R. G. Dun & Company's weekly review of trade says: The reports this week are a little more encouraging. With a volume of business rather larger than a year ago, there are decidedly better crop prospects and of late there is a better feeling in the branches of industry and trade which have been most depressed. Iron, coal and wool look better, and a better trade in cotton is expected to follow the large auction here on Thursday.

The average of prices continues to decline, particularly for products in which there is most speculation and during the past week the fall has been three quarters of one per cent. in spite of some advance in cotton, wool, oil and butter. Greater activity and better prices in the stock market reflect a feeling of increased confidence in the business outlook.

Wool is a shade stronger because prices asked by growers are much above the market, but there is little change in the attitude of manufacturers who buy for present necessities but hold that the goods market must improve before even the present prices can be profitably paid for material. The treasury decision on worsteds is still awaited with interest and until it comes little change is probably. The average price of 10+ grades of wool on the 15th was a tenth of a cent higher than May 1.

The auction of about \$1,800,000 worth of cottons brought prices 7 1/2 per cent. below those of agents, and is expected to form a basis for more confident trading hereafter; cotton is a sixteenth stronger, and exports as well as receipts now fall far behind last year's, but the crop reports from the south are generally favorable, especially from Texas.

The dry goods business is on the whole not more active, but with a more confident feeling, though clothing dealers are in many cases complaining of the slow collections which result from small distribution last winter. Close on the heels of the failure of one large worsted mill at Philadelphia comes the beginning of work of immense bills for the Botany Worsted company at Passaic.

There is a better feeling, but as yet without improvement of prices, in the iron and steel trade, where southern No. 1 foundry is still freely offered here at \$16; the higher grades of No. 1 northern are taken more freely at \$18 at Philadelphia, and it is hoped that the decline has been arrested. Bar iron is in better demand; plate and tank, though at the lowest prices of the year, are wanted to the full capacity of works; structural iron is fairly active, and there is good business in wrought pipe at the late advance. But in rails no change appears and the run of small orders is at about \$26.75 at mills. In anthracite coal an advance in prices June 1 is announced, and many miners are resuming work. The total output to date being about 1,500,000 tons below last year's. Lead is weaker, a decision by the treasury on imports of Mexican being awarded. Tin has advanced abroad and sells here at 20 1/2 cents. The agreement to hold lake copper at 12 cents is not expected by consumers to prevent a further decline, and the buying is therefore restricted.

Accounts from interior cities are without important change anywhere and show a full volume of business for the season, the bank exchanges outside New York exceeding last year's by about 7 per cent. At Milwaukee trade larger than last year's is disappointing, because it falls short of expectations, and that is probably the fact at many other points. Collections, however, are rather slow there, and "not over good" at Kansas City, and at Philadelphia poor in boots and shoes, clothing and groceries, but the general tenor of reports on that point is rather more favorable. Money is everywhere in sufficient supply, and the light demand causes unusual plethora at some points. The western distributing centers are all encouraged by exceptionally favorable crop prospects, which are also felt in speculative markets. Wheat has declined 1 cent to 81 1/2, and was even lower during the week; oats have declined 1 1/2 cents and corn 1/2 cent, with but moderate sales. Pork products are a shade weaker, and flour 10 to 30 cents per barrel lower.

A little improvement appears in exports, about 6 per cent. over last year for three weeks of May, but the increase in imports is about 17 per cent. The returns point to a large excess of imports for this month, and the preliminary statements for April appear to indicate an excess of about \$6,000,000. It is therefore an evidence of reviving foreign purchases of securities that gold does not go out more largely, but \$1,750,000 were taken for exports last Saturday. The treasury does not interfere, and offerings of bonds are light; in about a month only \$5,000,000 have been purchased at 108, while \$7,000,000 were bought last year in the same time at lower prices. But it is thought that more liberal offerings may be made in June, and meanwhile the treasury has taken in during the week only \$800,000 more cash than it has paid out; the local money market is amply supplied and steady at 2 per cent on call, and foreign exchange fluctuates scarcely at all. In short, no signs of monetary disturbance appear.

The business failures occurring throughout the country during the last seven days number, for the United

States 207, and for Canada 22, or a total of 229 failures, as compared with 252 last week, and 228 the week previous to the last. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 225, made up of 213 in the United States and 12 in the Dominion of Canada.

LAURA BRIDGMAN DEAD.

Death of the Woman Made Famous by Charles Dickens.

Boston, May 25.—Laura Bridgman, made widely famous by Charles Dickens in his American notes; also by many public references to her wonderful intelligence, printed in newspapers and elsewhere since then, died yesterday at the South Boston asylum, where she had long dwelt, aged 60 years.



LAURA BRIDGMAN.

Laura Bridgman was born at Hanover, N. H., in 1839. She was a beautiful child, with a bright, sweet face, and every sense as keen as that of a bird or squirrel. At 2 years old, life, as far as one could tell, was opening very fair and happy for the pretty little creature. Then came a severe illness, and darkened the prospects forever. The child lost sight, hearing, smell, and almost the sense of taste, at one sweep of fate. She grew towards girlhood with an attractive face and figure, a noble, intellectual head. It was evidently a mind of no common order, thus shut up and sealed from development. It was a beautiful soul walled in a dungeon. Charles Dickens went to see her on his first visit to America. He writes in the "Notes": "There was before me, built up, as it were, in a marble cell, imperious to any ray of light or particle of sound, with her poor white hand peeping through a clink in the wall, beckoning to some good man for help, that an immortal soul might be awakened."

Was no communication possible with the outside world for this beautiful soul? The late Dr. S. G. Howe thought there was. Laura was taken to the institution for the blind at Boston, when she was 8 years old. She was taught the alphabet for the deaf and dumb, the language of the fingers. How could it be done when the child was hopelessly blind? It was accomplished through the one sense remaining to her, that of touch. She was made to feel the fingers of the teacher while the sign alphabet was made. A pencil was put into her hand, for instance. She was made to feel it all over and became acquainted with its use. Then its name was spelled out by the fingers, she following the motion with her own fingers. This is the process by which knowledge of the whole world of life and light was let into the soul of Laura Bridgman. She could never, however, be taught to talk articulately to any extent, as so many of the deaf and dumb now do. This was because she could not see the motion of the lips.

A MANSION BURNED.

The Residence of Gen. A. G. P. Dodge, Near Danville, Illinois, Destroyed.

DANVILLE, Ill., May 25.—The \$50,000 suburban mansion of Gen. A. G. P. Dodge was burned to the ground at 1 o'clock this morning. At the time of the fire the general and his wife, the latter a niece of United States Senator D. W. Voorhees, were entertaining 200 guests, among whom were Miss C. Cannon and Miss Mabel Cannon, daughters of Congressman Cannon; Judge Wilkin, of the supreme court, and many other prominent people. The fire originated in the roof from the hanging lamps, which had been suspended over the art gallery skylight above the stairway and in the ceiling, for the purpose of illuminating the glass. The fire smoldered and burned in the attic thirty minutes, the first notice of it being the falling of the burning timbers of the roof, which fell down through the skylight, crushing everything beneath as it fell.

The frightened guests, bareheaded and in party apparel, jumped through open windows and fled through back door ways to the surrounding grounds, which were wet with heavy rains. A number of gentlemen in the smoking room upstairs were cut off from the main stairway and made a narrow escape down the servants' stairway. The entire scene was one of confusion and fright. Ladies ran through the crowd seeking their husbands who they feared were being consumed by the flames. But little of the furniture was taken out from the ground floor, none being saved in the upper stories. Gen. Dodge, in attempting to remove some of the property, met with a close call, the roof of the porch falling in above him and being caught by a projecting pillar.

Bank Cashier Arrested.

Boston, May 25.—A report comes from New Haven this morning that Cashier Bradley, of the Merchant bank, at that place, has been arrested on a charge of embezzling between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

Lard Tanks Burned.

STOUX CITY, Iowa, May 24.—Three large lard tanks at the Booge packing house, were burned Thursday morning. Loss, \$25,000.